

## **John Mulford – Eastham Land Records 1650-1745**

John Mulford was born in Eastham in 1672. He was the son of Thomas Mulford who was the first Mulford in Eastham and his wife Hannah. John married Mercy Harris. John received more Eastham land grants than his father because he benefited from the large land grants of 1711 and 1715. John died in 1730 at age fifty-eight.

1700

Granted to John Mulford about one-half acre at the northwest corner of the lot where he lived at Great Neck. Bounds were indicated by a fence and stones. PDF A260, S66.

1702

Bounds of a parcel of meadow and sedge ground at Great Meadow were settled with the Town by John Mulford. This land was near the Mulford house and near the harbor and adjoined land of Joseph Harding. PDF M138.

1703

Granted to John Mulford and Thomas Mulford a parcel of land at Great Meadow near the mouth of the meadow. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about two acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF A129, M183, M184, S81, S82.

1711

Granted to John Mulford two parcels of land amounting to about four acres. Three acres were on the southern side of Mulford's other land and near land of George Brown and near the little pond. Bounds of the three acres were indicated by stones set in the ground. A one acre parcel was on the northern side of his house lot. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T156.

Granted to John Mulford a wood lot of about six acres. The lot was located on the northerly side of Second Brook and on the northerly side of the lot of Jonathan Higgins. Bounds of the wood lot were indicted by marked trees. PDF T156.

Granted to John Mulford about four acres on the northerly side of the Grapevine Swamp and next to land of Samuel Harding. PDF T156.

1713

Granted to John Mulford the pine brush which grows on the southerly side of the cartway that goes from John Walker's house to the mouth of the harbor. Bounds of the brush area were indicated by marked trees. PDF T187.

1715

Granted to John Mulford and his heirs four parcels of land. The first parcel was on the northerly side of his house lot at Great Neck and next to land of Josiah Cooke. Bounds were indicated by stones in the ground and the skull bone of a blackfish near the beach. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about one and one-half acres. Another parcel was about five acres on the southerly side of Mulford's meadow at Billingsgate at a place called Smaley's Meadow. Another parcel was about five acres between Mulford's meadow and land of George Brown, John Brown and William Brown. Another parcel was next to Mulford's land and next to land of John Smith. The dimensions were not complete but indicate the parcel was at least ten acres. PDF T227, T232

Granted to John Mulford and his heirs a wood lot on the east side of the way to Billingsgate. The lot ran east to the backside sea probably for a distance of about one mile like other wood lots in the area. The wood lot ran north sixteen pole which would make the lot about thirty-two acres. PDF T267.

1716

This record concerns the Town laying out a way for the benefit of the Town between land of John Mulford and land of Josiah Cooke. One of the bound markers for the way was the head bone of the blackfish. The other bound markers were stones in the ground. PDF T187.

The Eastham land owned by John Mulford or granted in his name to his heirs described in these records amounts to about seventy acres. By 1745 four more Mulfords including his father received Eastham land grants.